

## DANIELS

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Now, the Daniels are looking forward to retirement. The couple said they are at the age where they need to retire, and it is something they have been thinking about for a while. They also said they both are looking

forward to getting out and working in the yard and receiving some much needed "time off."

Mr. Daniels added that maybe things will work out for someone else to buy and operate the service station. But, he said if they don't that will be fine too.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels said their customers have been fabulous throughout the years, and it has been great to see several generations of customers come through their door.

The Daniels said they will miss their customers, and they appreciate the nearly 50 years of continued support for their business.

## Elba Chamber of Commerce hosts Legislative Breakfast

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Legislative Breakfast Friday morning, March 21, at the First Baptist Church in Elba.

Guest speakers for the event were local legislators Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer. Each updated local citizens on the happenings of the current legislative session.

At the time of the breakfast, the legislators said the budget had been put on hold. Holley said he believes that was a wise decision. Holley and Spicer also explained how the "rainy day" funds established in year's past will most likely keep the state out of production in regards to the budget.

The legislators also addressed concerns regarding the continued construction of U.S. Highway 84 four-lane project. Each agreed that funding has been a culprit in slowing down this and other road projects with the cost of building roads continuously going up. They said funding for road projects has become a problem thus leading legislators to look at alternative ways to build roads.



Senator Jimmy Holley

## Obituaries

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**children:** Antonio Lamon Dix (Enchelle), Shelia Dix-Dorsey (Ethan), Cordelia Monique Holmes, Dominique Terrell Curry, and Deonte Kiar Curry, all of Andalusia, Ala.; and six grandchildren.

## J.D. BARBER

Rev. J.D. Barber, age 88, of Opp, Ala., formerly of Luverne, Ala., died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at the V.A. Medical Center in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held March 11, 2008 at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, Opp, Ala., with Elder J.F. McCloud officiating. Burial followed at Hardin St. Cemetery, Opp, Ala., with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. directing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Pearl Barber. Survivors include one son, Charlie T. Belcher, Atlanta, Ga.; and a devoted cousin and friend, Gloria Henderson.

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ing testing. She also said the NETWORK Club from New Brockton High School assisted with the program by serving cash and Goldfish snacks to the students.

"Our theme this year is 'Fishing for Good Scores,'" McDaniel said. "We thought that the Goldfish snacks would be appropriate."

Students in attendance appeared to enjoy the performance. Also, students were treated to a raffle drawing with many items donated from local businesses.

## ROD ANTHONY BIVINS

Mr. Rod Anthony Bivins, age 54, died Sunday, March 16, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 21, 2008 at the Church of God By Faith, Ozark, Ala., with Elder J.R. Bivins officiating. Burial followed at the Ozark City Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home, Dothan, Ala., directing.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Faustine Bivins; mother, Jazie Bivins; sister, Sharon Stafford; brother, William Swing; and sister-in-law, Mae Agnes Lawson.

Survivors include four daughters: LaNessa Shipman, Atlanta, Ga.; Kimberly Griffen, Troy, Ala.; with Supt. M. Ozark, Ala.; Cervani Edwards, Atlanta, two sons: LaRon Holmes, both of Ozark; his wife, Isoline Shipman, father and mother: Min. Shelly and Doris Bivins, Ozark; 13 grandchildren: Dedric Shipman, Terrell D. Telle, Nyoka Griffin, Tyana Griffin, Terraine Griffin, Franklin Griffin, LaRhonda N. Shipman, T'Keyah Penn, Jasmine Barbers, Chloé Garner, Jamaal Bailey, Jermaine Bailey, and Demetrius Martin; four sisters: Thurma Dubose (Jesse), Virginia Bivins, Newark, N.J.; Christine Yates (William), Ozark, and E. Mavon Greenwood (Larry), Enterprise;

four brothers: John R. Bivins (Mary), Okinawa, Japan; Billy Cole (Bessie), Calvin Cole, and Greg Cole (Gaynell), all of Atlanta, Ga.; five sisters-in-law: Mary Jean Shipman, Celestine Shipman, Celene Shipman, Lois Ann Grant, Jeanie Theus; and four brothers-in-law: Jonathan Shipman, Lee Curtis Shipman, Jerome Shipman and Jerry Shipman.

## WILLIAM ALEXANDER BROWN JR.

Mr. William Alexander Brown Jr., age 40, died March 16, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 22, 2008 at Living Waters Church of God in Christ, Hartford, Ala., with Supt. M. Earl Pulliam officiating. Burial followed at Gates of Heaven Cemetery, Dothan, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.B. (Ethel) Merrell; paternal grandparents, Elder Arrie and Mother Maggie Brown, all of Eufaula, Alabama.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Taylor Brown; one daughter: Whitney A. Brown; two sons: Justin Taylor and Jason Taylor; parents: Betty Ruth Merrill Pullin and W.A. Brown Sr. (Brenda); and six siblings: Shelia Goodman (Jesse), Alicia Mallard (Aaron), Harold and Gerald Wilson, Chicago, Ill.; Ashley Brown and Britney Brown.

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## Elba man arrested following shooting incident

Elba Police officers responded Tuesday night, April 1, at approximately 11:10 p.m., to the scene of a reported shooting incident.

## Coffee County officials make arrests in regards to sexual abuse cases

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department recently reported the arrest (Friday, March 21) of D'Anthony Brown on two counts of sexual abuse—first degree and one count of assault—third degree.

At the time of Brown's initial arrest, Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said the investigation was continuing in this case and further charges were pending.

Late last week, officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department updated the case and announced that Brown remains in the Coffee County Jail with three additional charges of sodomy—first degree. Reportedly, Brown's victim is a 7-year-old male from the Elba area.

Also last week, Coffee County officials arrested (in an unrelated case) Jeremie Blake

in regards to a sexual abuse case. According to information released by the Elba Police Department, the shooting

allegedly occurred at 430 Plant Avenue in Elba. Upon arrival to the scene, officers discovered that Seth Cart, age 28, of Elba, had sustained a gunshot wound to the chest.

Cart was transported by Coffee County EMS to Medical Center Enterprise. By the following day, Cart's condition was listed as stable.

As a result of the shooting incident, Elba Police arrested Johnnie Lockett, age 48, of Elba. Lockett reportedly surrendered to authorities following the incident. He was charged with assault—first degree and discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling.

Following his arrest, Lockett was processed and transported to the Coffee County Jail.



**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDED** last Wednesday, April 2, at approximately 3:15 p.m., to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on Taylor Mill Road in Elba near the intersection of Highland Drive. Upon arrival, they found a 2003 Toyota Corolla, driven by Brittany Whitehead, age 16, of Elba, overturned in the ditch. Whitehead reportedly lost control of the vehicle causing it to leave the road and overturn. Whitehead was taken to Elba General Hospital by Coffee County EMS for treatment and was released later that evening. Elba Police Officer Lydon Jordan and Sgt. Michael Addison investigated the accident. Also responding to the scene was the Elba Volunteer Fire Department.

## County BOE accepts retirement letters from three core-curriculum teachers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, April 3, for the regular monthly board meeting and opened the meeting with a positive report from the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

Jennie Allen, a representative of the state office, shared the audit report with board members and said her appearance before the board was a routine part of the audit process. She said it was a very good audit and thanked the board of education staff for their cooperation in helping the auditors acquire any and all documents needed.

Allen said the audit reflected the time period of Oct. 1, 2006 – Sept. 30, 2007, and there were no findings in the audit.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said Glenda Glass and the office staff deserve the credit for the positive audit.

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, board members awarded the low bid to re-roof the New Brockton High School gymnasium and the Kingston gymnasium and lunchroom.

Dr. Ingram said she was very pleased with the bid process receiving five bids for the project including a bid from as far away as Oklahoma. She recommended board members award the bid to ACME Roofing and Sheet Metal of Dothan, Ala. at \$519,868.

The company submitted the

low bid for the project, and Ingram said all requirements were met in the bid.

Dr. Ingram asked for permission from board members to sell a surplus trailer from Kingston School. She said she has an offer of \$200 from an individual to buy the trailer (which is in poor condition). Ingram said the bid process had previously been used to sell the trailer, but no bids were submitted. Therefore, she said she had asked auditors if the trailer could be sold right since no bids were submitted, and the auditors said yes.

Board members approved a motion to sell the trailer for \$200.

Board members approved four personnel matters upon the recommendation of the superintendent. All pertained to certificated personnel and included:

- Accept the resignation of Morgan Boyd, math

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## NOTICE

The City of Elba Electric Department will have a scheduled power outage Thursday, April 10 (TODAY), starting at 5 p.m. The power will be off for approximately three (3) hours only in the downtown area. The electric department will be re-routing lines for the downtown revitalization project.

## Kim Ellis announces candidacy for Coffee County Commission, District Two seat

As a lifelong resident of Coffee County, Kim Ellis has stepped forward and announced his Republican candidacy for Coffee County Commissioner, District Two.

Kim, age 44, is the son of Eva Nell Ellis Stanford and the late Tommy Ellis of Tarentum. He graduated from Zion Chapel High School in 1982 and has been employed as Sales Manager for Enterprise Paper and Janitorial for the past 13 years and is owner and operator of Rattlesnake Ridge, Inc., a trucking company.

He is married to Denise, who runs the Eufaula community center and is special events and marketing coordinator for the City of Eufaula. They have three children: Brandi, Downing Carter, age 24, Josh Ellis, age 20 and Caleb Downing, age 19. They are also the proud grandparents of Jaxon Carter, age 1.

Ellis said it has been a long time desire to be a commissioner for Coffee County.

"Being raised around my grandparents and other elders in the community, I feel that I can



Kim Ellis

bring a combination of their wisdom and experience, as well as a younger outlook on today's needs and problems," said Ellis. "I urge all the residents of our county to get out and let their voices be heard at this primary election on June 3rd by voting for the candidate they feel can bring greater change for our county in the future. I greatly appreciate any and all support and would like to thank you for this opportunity."

## Elba queens welcome the King to town



Elba officially became a Burger King town Monday, April 7, as the doors to the well-known fast-food restaurant opened for business immediately following a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Monday morning, and as soon as Mayor James Grimes cut the ribbon, eager customers formed a line at the front counter waiting to be among the first to receive a whopper and more from Elba's very own Burger King. Elba queens (from left) Meagan Anderson, Emilee Hudson and Molly McGuire completed their formal duty of welcoming the King to Elba then fell in line to order their own burger and fries. Elba's Burger King was opened by Goldco, Inc., a franchise of the Burger King Corporation. A photo from Monday's ribbon cutting is located on Page 13 of today's paper.

## Nicholson seeking District 3 seat to Coffee County Commission

Claude R. (Ronny) Nicholson announces his candidacy for the Coffee County Commission's District Three seat in the June 3, 2008 Democratic primary.

Nicholson is a graduate of Elba High School (class of 1967) and graduated from Huntingdon College in 1972 with a degree in accounting.

"If elected, it would be a privilege and a pleasure to work with the other commissioners while addressing problems and concerns of the citizens of District Three," said Nicholson. "I would greatly appreciate your vote and support in the Democratic primary on June 3rd."



Claude R. (Ronny) Nicholson

joining National Security. McLeod worked in public accounting with work experience including audits of public school systems.

McLeod is involved in coaching his daughters in youth sports and is also a member and past president of the Elba Lions Club.

The McLeod's are members of Hebron Baptist Church. McLeod said, "I was fortunate to receive an excellent education in the Coffee County School System which formed

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## Brian McLeod announces candidacy for Coffee County BOE, District One seat

Brian McLeod announces his candidacy for the Coffee County Board of Education, District One.

McLeod was born in Elba and raised in the Jack community attending Zion Chapel School for 12 years. He is a 1987 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Troy University and a Master of Science in financial analysis from the College for Financial Planning. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

McLeod is married to the former Virginia Sanders of Enterprise. They have four children, Brian, Lara, Heidi and Mollie. Brian is a student at the University of Alabama and Lara is a freshman at Troy University. Heidi is in the sixth grade and Mollie is in kindergarten at Zion Chapel Elementary.

The McLeod's reside on a small farm in the Wilkinstown Community.

McLeod has been employed for the past 16 years with The National Security Group in Elba in various managerial and finance roles and presently is vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer. Prior to



Brian McLeod

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Fern Cox

Former Governor Don Siegelman is out of jail... well he is on bail while appealing his federal conviction. Regular readers of this column are aware of our strong personal opinions on this matter. For those who have missed our rantings, we are pleased to see him walking around Alabama while his case slowly works its way through the federal courts. He languished in jail for months just waiting for a long delayed transcript of the extended trial. What will happen next is open to speculation but many who understand the court system and are familiar with this case predict he will never go back to jail. Of course he and his family will surely accept that, but we hope it is because the whole case against the former governor is thrown out of court. There have been lots of claims and counter claims since the trial ended and frankly some wild, even to a Siegelman friend like yours truly. Not understanding all the ups and downs of the laws, we have to lean on the comments of those who work in that field. Their opinions increase our puzzlement of why this thing has gone so far without being dismissed completely. Whatever happens, welcome home Governor!

At least 1200 children in Coffee County don't have any medical insurance. That is the number being batted around by those who deal with such matters. We attended a meeting on this subject recently and were shocked! The state health insurance program, All Kids, is available for just such situations. Medicaid is there, etc., but someone has got to fill out the paperwork... before getting to the emergency room with a really sick child. Hopefully this meeting has generated enough concern that parents of these children will be contacted, shown what they need to do for their child's welfare and this problem will go away. Personally we would go without some of our wants, vacations, etc., before our children would be without the proper health care insurance, but then this is not the first time we realize that everyone doesn't think as we think, nor put their priorities where we put ours.

That magical birthday came and went last Friday without any unusual earthquakes. This one was Number 70 and in case you are in doubt it is a thrill to know we made it this far and with so many great and fun things in the memory bank. Life continues to be extremely good to us. It would be nice to give all the credit to the family members and the other people we connect with throughout the year, but it would be wrong not to take a moment and thank God for such a wonderful life, family and friends. Oh, there are the muscles which ache longer after a strain but it is great to know they do get to feeling better. Yes, we have learned to remember our back when bending, lifting, etc., and don't always do it as efficiently as we should... but it gets better in a couple of days. Plus we yearn for the days when we slept soundly all night long, etc. Saturday our three children carried through with a threat made at Christmas and pitched a party for ole dad "cause 70 doesn't come often." They also presented us with new luggage for a planned cruise in early 2009. It was flattering, but a bit embarrassing for being the reason for the party. We couldn't help but wonder if the brother and two sisters who fought the rain for hours and joined us in Andalusia came to celebrate with us or to see first hand what they will look like in a few years! Actually one old brother-in-law found out this week when his clock also reached 70 on Wednesday. Hopefully they will all make it to this milestone and our plans are to be around to see it happen.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 31, 2008, investigated the following incidents: two for criminal mischief, one for burglary, four for harassment, one for assault, one for public intoxication, one for possession of marijuana, one for criminal trespassing, one for harassing communications and one natural death.

The following arrests were made: three for assault, one for shooting into a dwelling, two for criminal trespassing, one for public intoxication, one for theft of property and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twenty-one for not wearing a seat belt, three for improper equipment, three for no proof of insurance, three for a suspended driver's license, fourteen for speeding, four for no insurance and one for violation of the noise ordinance.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

**MONDAY, MARCH 31** - Possible breaking and entering reported at 607 Mullins Circle (12:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1340 Reese Ave. (1:20 a.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 261 Plant Ave. (8:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 221 Fox Dr. (10:23 a.m.); Possible wreck reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (4:02 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 831 E. Davis St., Lot 2 (7:02 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the area

of Guyton and Plant streets (8:25 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1** - Wreck reported on Hwy 87 N. just past Cedar Lane Dr. (4:52 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 87 N. (4:52 p.m.); Elba PD dispatched to the wreck scene on Hwy. 87 N. (5:22 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 7284 County Rd. 306 (8:58 p.m.); Subject reported shot at 430 Plant Ave. (11:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 430 Plant Ave. (11:10 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2** - Wreck reported near 2370 Taylor Mill Rd. (3:16 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Taylor Mill Rd. (3:17 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Taylor Mill Rd. (3:17 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 8191 County Rd. 110 (12:48 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (5:44 p.m.); Attempted burglary reported at 342 Dr. Roberts Dr. (10:49 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (12:37 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 315 (6:34 a.m.); Burglary reported on Rebecca Lane (8:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba High School (12:05 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire on County Rd. 501

(1:44 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 678 Lee St. (10:29 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (10:47 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5** - Fight in progress (possible domestic disturbance) reported in the parking lot of Elba Villas (1:00 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 615 Jackson St. (12:27 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 705 Kennedy Dr. (10:51 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6** - Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (10:10 p.m.).

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• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Call FREE 1-800-772-1213 or visit the website [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **CHIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom

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# LIFESTYLES

## Miss Katrina Presley and Mr. Lee

### Scarborough announce May wedding plans

Mr. Bobby Presley and the late Mrs. Patricia Presley of Slocomb announce the engagement of their daughter, Katrina Presley of Slocomb, to Lee Scarborough of Elba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kris Scarborough of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Presley of Wewahatcha, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Smith of Slocomb, and the late Maxine Smith of Slocomb.

Katrina is a 2003 graduate of Slocomb High School and a 2006 graduate of Troy University where she obtained a Bachelors of Science Degree in Elementary Education.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis Scarborough of Lockhart, Ala., Mr. Huey Cooper of Opp, Ala., and Mr. Bernice Hall of Lakeland, Fla.

Lee is a 2000 graduate of Houston Academy, a 2004 graduate of Full Sail University in Winter Park, Fla. with an Associates of Science Degree in Recording Arts, and a 2006 graduate of Troy University where he received a Bachelors of Science degree in Social Science.

The wedding is planned for six o'clock in the evening on Saturday, May 31, 2008, at the home of Drs. Scott and Lauren McAllister in Dothan. A reception will follow. Friends and family are invited to attend.



Mr. Lee Scarborough & Miss Katrina Presley

## The Republican Women of Coffee County plan meeting for April 16th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luncheon on April 16th, 11AM to 1PM Social/Lunch/Program at Po-Folks in Enterprise. This month's speakers will be Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns. He is running for re-election and will address the issue of Annual Property reappraisal and Dr. Craig Schindler from Dothan, a candidate for US Congress District 2. Everyone is welcome.

Call Jan White for reservations and info, 348-2451.



Imaria Prinsel Smedley celebrates first birthday

Imaria Prinsel Smedley (known as Little Kim or Peb's) celebrated her first birthday on March 18, 2008.

Parents are Alex and Kim Smedley stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Grandparents are Dell and Oneather Smedley, Elba, Ala. and K. D. O'Neil of Sacramento, Calif., and Patricia Nichols of Montgomery, Ala.

She turned one year old on March 18, 2008.

The Coffee County Republican Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday April 10th, 6 PM Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise. The program will be given by David Grimes, a member of the Alabama Legislature and a candidate for US Congress District 2. Everyone is welcome.

For information call Sue Neuwien 347-0511.

## The Weed School Reunion will be held in May

The Weed School Reunion will be held on the first Saturday in May at the Fellowship Hall at the Weed Baptist Church on the Old Three Notch Road, Brantley, Alabama. The church and all serving utensils will be furnished. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.; lunch at 12:00 noon. Those planning on attending are asked to bring their spouse and a covered dish.

## WCC Singers and Jazz Band unite for concert on Thursday, April 24th

The Wallace Community College Singers and Jazz Band will present a variety show Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in Cherry Hall on the Wallace Campus in Dothan.

A highlight of the event will be the singers' performance of a contemporary acappella piece to showcase the group's harmony. The show will conclude with a "Sentimental Journey" to the 1940s Big Band Era in a combined performance by both groups.

The concert is free of charge, and the public is invited to attend.



Pictured 1 to r: Marlene Willis, Louise Hudson, and Syble Hahn.

## Nell Gilmer was guest speaker at Magnolia Garden Club recently

On Thursday, April 3, 2008, Nell Gilmer was the special guest speaker, who expounded on the building of Tiger Town Park & Playground. Her talk took us from the beginning of the idea through the foundation process of fund raising and preparation for construction to the current stage. We are proud to claim an important part in this process, having our own flower bed to beautify and maintain.

President Louise Hudson opened the business session with the Gardner's Creed. In new business, it was decided to place a potted plant on each of the nurse's stations at the Nursing Home. Plans to visit our shut-in members, Adileen Newman and Alline Lee, were also considered.

The season's final meeting will be held on May 1, at which time the installation of the new officers will be held.



THE COFFEE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION participated in a statewide community project by going to the high schools in Coffee County to register all students who will be eligible to vote in the November election. A group of students at Zion Chapel wait in line to register Tuesday, March 25. Peggy Storey and Sylvia Padgett (not pictured) conducted the registration at Zion Chapel.

## Miss Pea River Pageants to be held on Saturday, April 26th

The Miss Pea River Pageants will be Saturday, April 26, in Elba. All proceeds will benefit the Elba High School band.

The pageants for five age divisions will be at 10 a.m. on the square in Elba during Band Day 2008. These age divisions include: Baby Miss (Ages 0-11 months); Tiny Miss (Ages 1-2); Tot Miss (Ages 3-4); Little Miss (Ages 5-6) and Young Miss (Ages 7-9). Attire is Sunday or heirloom dress. The winners of these age divisions will be asked to stay for the remainder of the Band Day festivities.

Beginning at 6 p.m. that evening, the pageants for three additional age divisions will be held at the Elba High School auditorium. These age divisions include: Junior Miss (Ages 13-15); Teen Miss (Ages 16-19); and Miss Pea River (Ages 16-19). The attire is pageant dress. Age will be based on contestant's age as of the day of the pageant (April 26). The deadline to enter is Thursday, April 24, at the pageant practice.

Entry forms can be mailed to Yvette Akrigide at 1730 Woodland Drive, Elba, AL 36323 or can be brought to practice on April 24th. Practice will be held at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium beginning with the Tiny Miss category.

There is an entry fee for the pageant, as well as, the individual categories of best hair, prettiest eyes, best smile, best dress and most photogenic. For questions, contact Yvette Akrigide at (334) 726-0771 or email yvettesakrigide@yahoo.com.

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:1-30

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Rev. Henry Shy Jr., Adam Dunlap  
APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Sabrina Pruitt-April 10, Betty Hooks-April 3, Harry Magwood-April 3

TRUMPET HOLINESS CHURCH, 1513 Martin Luther King Drive, Elba, Ala. will host a fish fry on Saturday, April 12, 2008. All proceeds will go toward the building fund. For more information contact

Shepherd Grace Daniels-897-5152, Cantina Caldwell-494-0963.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH WILL HOLD THE CHOIR'S ANNIVERSARY on April 12-13, 2008. The Saturday service will begin at 6 p.m. with a musical. A sermon will be given by Elder J.C. Rodgers, pastor of Floral C.O.G.I.C. and Allen Temple C.O.G.I.C. on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.

## Jeff Treece Band to be in concert at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 19, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singing group will be The Jeff Treece Band from Knoxville, Tenn.

For more information contact Gus Grant (334) 897-6793 or 465-5555, or call Bill Daugherty (334) 735-2010. The church is located on County Road 110 between Hwy 125 and Hwy 167.

## Landmark Park to offer Tree Identification Workshop

On Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m., veteran forester Ed Lewis will present a Tree Identification workshop at Landmark Park, sharing his knowledge of the importance of local trees and their traditional uses.

Lewis has been involved in forestry for 20 years. The workshop will start with an introduction on tree identification in the Interpretive Center's auditorium and then move outside to the park's nature trails, where visitors will go on a guided tour and have a chance to put their identification skills to the test. Admission is free for members and included with the gate fee for nonmembers; adults, \$4 and children, \$3. Registration is required and can be made by calling the park office at 334-794-3452.



Join veteran forester Ed Lewis at Landmark Park for his workshop on Tree Identification on April 26.

## Reach The Planet Crusade scheduled at Ino Baptist Church for April 21-23

Reach The Planet Crusade is scheduled at Ino Baptist Church, 6157 Hwy 134, Kinston, AL on Wednesday, April 21-23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Speakers for the crusade will be Evangelist Janey Ragle, Junior Hill, Phil Hoskins, pastor of Higher Ground Baptist

Church, Kinston, TN, and Robert Smith, Baptist University.

There will be special music each evening with Rod Pope, Bekkie Smith and Austin Bridge. For more information call Ino Baptist at 334-866-9970.

## Friday Night Fire Celebration Service will be held April 11th on Troy University Campus

The Gamma Phi Delta Christian Fraternity and the Now Generation Alliance will host the 1st Campus Friday Night Fire Service on Friday, April 11th on the Troy University Campus, 233 Trojan Center Ballroom A, Troy, Ala. Intercessory prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Friday Night Fire Celebration Service will begin at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker for the event will be Pastor Levon Goode, Destiny Church, Dothan, Ala. Also featured will be Praise & Worship - Now Generation, Praise and Worship Team, Seismic Hymn-Sister Lauren Schaffer, Chicago, Illinois and

Words of Inspiration Brother Khalil Lee, Troy, Ala. For more information contact N.G.A. Chairman Johnathan Lockett at 334-389-1576 or (334) 797-4643.

## Gospel Concert to be held at Vanderbilt Holiness Church

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a Gospel Concert with "The Gile's Family" on April 26, 2008 starting at 6:00 PM. The church is located on Coffee County Route 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms.

For more information, call 334/347-0569 or 334/894-5021.

## Winzell Gray retires from Ft. Rucker recently

Winzell Gray retired from the Ft. Rucker Fire Department on March 31, 2008. According to Gray he has been with Ft. Rucker since April 1980. He retired while serving as a Firefighter. He was presented this plaque as a token of the Ft. Rucker Fire Department's appreciation for his years of service.

"The Lord has blessed me to

have such a long career, to attend various classes and meet a lot of people," said Gray.

When asked what he plans to do following his retirement Gray said that he planned on taking some time off to decide but plans on getting back in community work that he missed so much, but just didn't have time to do.

Gray is pictured with plaque received on retirement.

Annual District Conference to be held at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. on April 14-18

The Breton District of the Church of God in Christ Alabama Jurisdiction #1 will have its Annual District Conference April 14-18, 2008. This conference will be held at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C., Elba, AL. The conference will begin at 7 p.m. with auxiliary presentations and the nightly service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Conference speakers are Monday-Supt. John Grayson, Selma, Tuesday-Elder Jimmy Allen, Thomasville, Wednesday,

Elder Terry Ball, Tuscaloosa; Thursday-Women's Night; and Friday-Supt. W.K. Ellison-Conference Host. For more information please contact 334-897-3862 or 334-932-2168.

Harris Temple will also be celebrating its Annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, May 4, 2008 during the 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service. All family and friends are invited to attend this fellowship.

For more information visit www.harristemplecogic.org.

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Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dale Morgan, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FATHER CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Philip Nelson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Philip Nelson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Philip Nelson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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• 2007 Yearbooks are on sale for \$45. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information. Extras will remain on sale.

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• Elba Hoodies and T-shirts are available. Long-sleeve T-shirts are \$12 and \$13 and Hoodies are \$20, \$21, and \$22. Contact the journalism staff.

**Upcoming Events**

- April 14-18, Spring Break
- April 23, EES Progress Reports go home
- April 25, Field Day at EES
- April 29, Muffins for moms Doughnuts for dad at EES

**Upcoming Baseball Games**

- April 11 - (Varsity) Elba vs. Highland Home (Home)
- April 14 - (Varsity) Elba vs. Brantley (Home)
- April 18 - May 17 Play-offs (TBA)

**Upcoming Softball Games**

- April 22 - (Varsity) Elba vs. Goshen (Away)
- April 24 - (Varsity) Elba vs. Straughn (Away)
- April 25 - (Varsity) Elba Tournament (Home)
- April 26 - (Varsity) Elba Tournament (Home)

**Upcoming Golf Matches**

- April 22 - 1:00 @ Tartan Pines (New Brockton)
- April 24 - 1:00 @ Troy
- April 28 - Section Golf Tournament @ Montgomery (Lagoon Park)
- May 5 - Sub-State @ Montgomery (Cottonwood G.C.)
- May 12-13 - State Tournament @ Muscle Shoals



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Erica Daniels &  
Kelly Corder

### ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BAND DAY

will be Saturday, April 26, in Elba. B-B-Q plates are on sale now for Band Day and will remain on sale through Friday, April 11. Plates can be purchased at Elba High School or from any elementary or high school band member.

by Kim Blue

On Friday, March 28, the Elba High School math team traveled to Wallace Community College in Dothan, Ala., to compete in another math tournament.

The day began early and was filled with excitement. The team met at school to journey to Dothan at 7:15 a.m.

When the students arrived at Wallace Community College, the students who were competing in the pre-algebra and algebra I categories began taking their exams at 8:30 a.m.

Afterwards, the students who were competing in geometry, algebra II, and the advanced math categories began their exams at 10 a.m.

The students who competed in the pre-algebra category were as follows: Lucas Simpson, Kayla Lewis, Cordeshia Hooks, Seth Hanchey, Gunnar McCollough and Tamera Burks.

The students who competed in the Algebra I category were: Bethany Wilson, Chastity Slenker and Kendall Cole.

In the geometry category these students competed: Janae Camley, Taylor Creel, Devin Jackson, Lindsay McClung,

Denzel Neal, Kayla Rials and Brittany Whitehead.

In the algebra II category the following students competed: Ashley Bailey, Kim Blue, April Pinedore, Jordan McBride, Jason Mitchell and Shanika Pruitt.

Finally, in the advanced math category these students competed: Ashley Carpenter, Griffin

## Food dynamics class visits Japanese steakhouse

by Kelly Corder

Christina Whitlock, the family and consumer sciences teacher at Elba High School, took her food dynamics class on a field trip Friday, March 14, to Miyori's Japanese Steakhouse in Enterprise, Ala.

20 students were able to sit at the hibachi and observe, as their meals were prepared in original Japanese style. Students also were able to interact with the chefs, learn about the Japanese culture and even ate using chopsticks.

The students enjoyed the trip, as well as, learning about a new culture.



Students watch as a chef prepares meals during the recent field trip to Miyori's Japanese Steakhouse in Enterprise.

## Testing assembly held to encourage elementary students to do their best

by Tiffany Bynum

Elba Elementary School held a school-wide assembly Friday, March 28, to try to encourage elementary students to do their best on the S.A.T.

The assembly included teachers and older students using different techniques to get the students to try their best during every test.

One way that the elementary faculty used to get the students to try their best was to give them riddles each day: if they came to school to take the test and figured out the riddle, they would get a prize that the riddle was talking about. For example, one day the riddle was "You can't erase our great test scores," and the prize for that day was an eraser.

On another part of the program, they got three faculty members to dress up in pillowcases and do the "Hokie Pokie" and tell the kids that they could do anything that they put their mind into. Some of the older students in the 6th grade got up and told jokes and encouraged the younger children by saying different things like, "If you think that your test scores is cooler."

Another way the teachers used to get the point across to students that they can do anything if they try their best was to show a segment of the movie *Happy Feet*.

After the assembly, the elementary students were pumped and ready to score great on the S.A.T.

## Teacher Spotlight

by Brittany Davis



This week's teacher spotlight is shining on Yvette Akridge. Mrs. Akridge is a math teacher at Elba High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Troy University and her Master's degree from Troy University in Dothan. She also received an Education Specialist degree from Alabama State University.

Mrs. Akridge has been teaching at Elba High School for two years. She has been teaching a total of six years between Elba High School and Carroll High School.

She is married to Wayne Akridge. They have five children, Gunter and Bethany Akridge, Lauren McClung, Lindsay McClung and Grant Akridge.

Some interesting facts about Mrs. Akridge is that she is actively involved in Ino Baptist Church. She loves spending time with her children. Also, while in high school, she played first base for the Madison County High School Softball Team.

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# SCHOOLS

## FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton High School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney • Editor: Kristine Fitzgerald

### GET TO KNOW THE TEACHERS

Name: Danielle Bradshaw  
Subject and Grades Taught: 7th and 8th grade Social Studies  
How many years have you taught at NBHS? This is my first

Do you sponsor any clubs? If so, please list. SGA

Name of spouse: I'm engaged to former NBHS Coach Paul Marsh.

Where are you from originally? Cottonwood

From what high school and college did you graduate? Emmanuel Christian School and TSU

What are your hobbies? Reading, cooking, traveling, watching movies, etc.

What do you like about the subject you teach? Why do you think it's important? I have always been fascinated with history and the relation between people, places, and events. Why do I think it's important? Santayana said it best.

What do you do to reach students? I try to find that certain something that sparks interest. I love it when they get that look on their faces, as though the light bulb has finally come on!

Other than your subject, what's the most important thing you try to teach students? Honesty, respect for self and others, and the importance of making the "right" decisions, whether it's popular or not.

What do you like about New Brockton High School? It's a very small and close-knit community. Everyone's so close - almost like family.

Do you have a pet peeve? People who drive slow in the



Danielle Bradshaw

fast lane...vroom vroom... Describe a memorable event or funny moment you've had at NBHS. The wondrous beauty of pageant. Dylan Mills was priceless.

Are you finding this year an easy one? Why or why not? Busy, but fun! There's always plenty of work to catch up on, but I love teaching.

Describe yourself in three words. Serious, compassionate, goal-oriented.

If you were stranded on an island, what one thing would you bring? A boat so I could leave when I wanted to.

What's your favorite movie? There are way too many to name - The Great Escape is just one.

What's your favorite book? Non-fiction - Band of Brothers, Fiction - Pride and Prejudice.

To what kind of music do you like to listen? All kinds. I love the old crooners - Bing Crosby, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Rosemary Clooney, etc.

## NBHS junior elected to state office

This year more than 1,200 students attended the FCCLA State meeting in Bessemer, Ala.

Students attending this conference received great career development tips from top business professionals, networked with peers and discovered the true power of exercising their right to vote during the election for Alabama's state FCCLA officers. Anna Beth Sawyer of New Brockton High School was among the six students to be elected.



NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA MEMBERS competed in the FCCLA STAR Events state competition. Silver medal winners are Erica Locklin and Ashley Horton in "Illustrated Talk," Clarissa Pynes in "Focus on Children," and Anna Beth Sawyer in "Applied Technology." Gold Medal winner is Maranda Foust in "Interpersonal Communication."



THE NBHS SPANISH CLUB newly reformed this year. Officers: President - Monica Lagares, V. President - Anna Beth Sawyer, Treasurer - Krista Thomas, Secretary - Maranda Foust (not pictured). Activity Director - Brandon Bell

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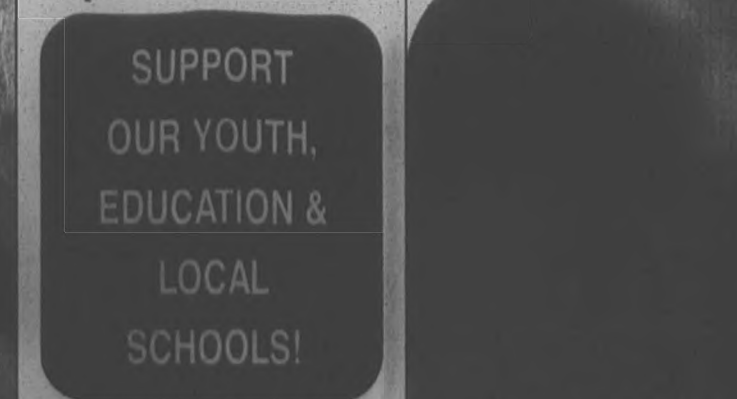
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The FFA prepared little "goody bags" to give to the teachers. Mrs. Barnhill's smile was typical of the teachers' reactions. Here, Priscilla Barnes and Allison Snell present her goody bag.



The FFA also gave out Teacher Who's Who certificates to award the teachers for their unique personalities. Here, Lori Cotney (left) shows her "school bookworm" certificate presented by Malory Meissner (right).

LUNCH WITH DR. INGRAM...The New Brockton FFA officers met and had lunch with Dr. Linda Ingram, superintendent of Coffee County Schools, during FFA Week. The officers discussed future plans and activities for the FFA Chapter.



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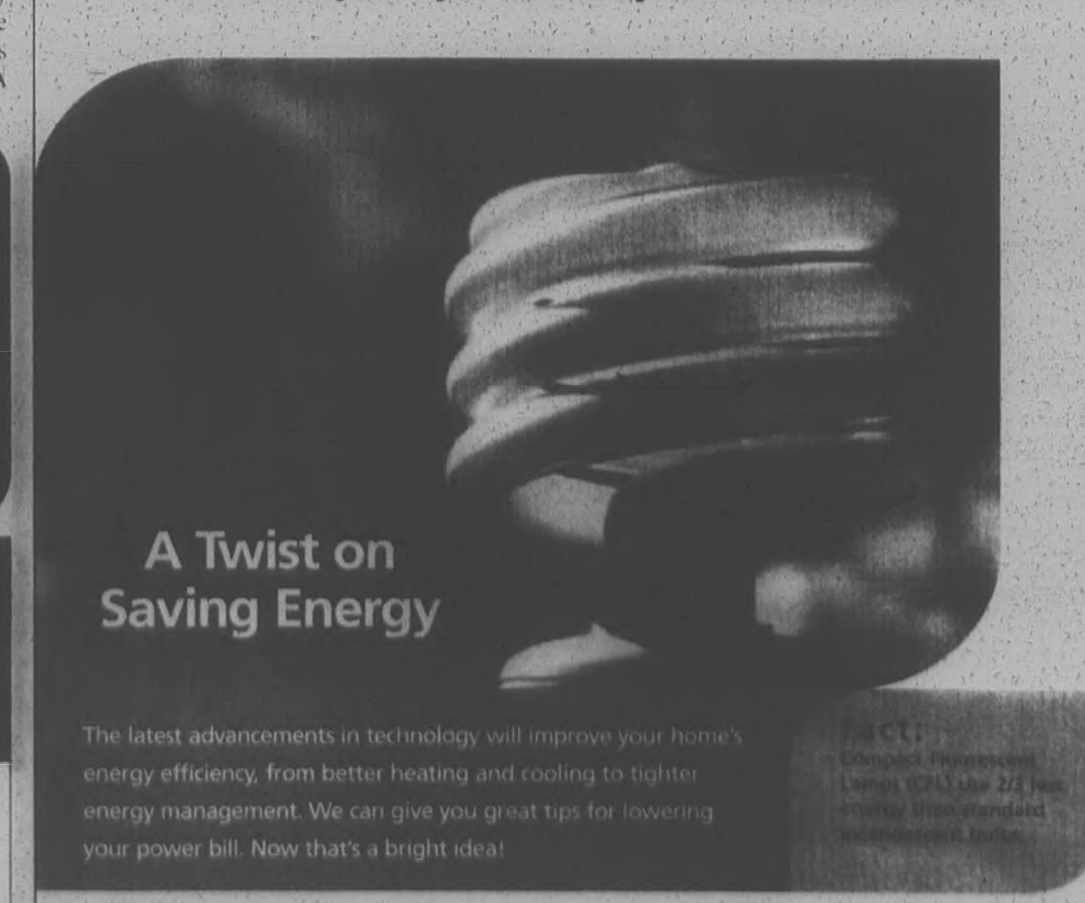
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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both the girls were home over the weekend to attend a birthday party for a younger cousin, and while I watched the youngsters play outside I couldn't help but think back to when my girls were young and had parties of their own. One party I will never forget was a spend the night party for Melissa that had over twenty girls at the house, while another one was one that never happened due to the flood. I can't remember them all, but hope we have many, many more to celebrate in the years to come.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers moved into first place in the area standings last week with wins over Straughn and Pike County. The Tigers edged past Straughn 5-1 early in the week to move into first place, then pounded Pike County 11-1 late in the week to move to 2-0 in the area and clinched a spot in the upcoming state playoffs. Elba had struggled most of the season with consistency at the plate and in the field, but last week put it all together and now all of the sudden the players and back having fun and the wins are coming much more often. Maybe the Tigers are peaking at just the right time and will make noise when the playoffs get underway next weekend. Some tough games are still on the roster, including rematches with area foes Straughn and Pike County. However, the Tigers have upped their record to 8-11 and now appear ready to just maybe have a winning record after all.

The Elba Lady Tigers lost two of three games last week to slip to 4-6 on the season and with a two-week break just around the corner one has to wonder if the Elba girls will ever settle into any kind of routine and come together as a team. Most teams have already played at least 15-20 games, but the Lady Tigers had some games rained out early in the season and then pulled out of one tournament, and are still trying to figure out just what combination will work the best. Last week in a doubleheader split against New Brockton the Lady Tigers used almost everyone on the roster at one position or another in an effort to find out what players needed to be where. However, after two games early this week the team will take off for two weeks and when it hits the field again it will almost be like starting all over again. This has been a strange season, to say the least.

\*\*\* Looking around the area... the Brantley Bulldogs moved up to 4th in the state last week in the baseball rankings and celebrated by whipping 4A Opp 13-1 in five innings. The Bulldogs looked like anything but a state power in warming up before the game, but after a talk with Coach Kilcrease and a few extra laps around the fence the players came together and played perhaps their best game of the season. Zion Chapel lost at home to area opponent Providence and now will have to fight to make the playoffs, while Kinston and New Brockton both claimed wins and are enjoying solid seasons. Over on the softball field, the Kinston Lady Bulldogs are still limping around and finding wins hard to come by, while Brantley is getting better as the season rolls along and both New Brockton and Zion Chapel are better than many think. Things are still interesting around the area for baseball and softball fans.

\*\*\* Enterprise sportswriter Jeremy Wise wrote an article recently concerning with the rule change that allowed girls to wear steel cleats in softball, and while the article did give both pros and cons on the issue, it was against the change from the time it was made and still contented steel cleats have no business in high school softball. Some argue the girls that make it to college will have to wear steel and need to get used to the change, but that is no argument, because very few players will move on to the college ranks, and even if they do, there are many more differences in the high school and college game that are ignored by the high school rule makers. Others contend steel cleats give better traction. That may be true on some surfaces, especially the manicured surfaces many colleges play on, but most high school fields are less than perfect and when a client meets a rock or a clump of centipede it won't be the cleat that gives. If the high school rules makers want to change the rules to better suit the college game they need to back up the pitching rubber, eliminate the rule about wearing jewelry, change the run rule, adopt the international tie-breaker and just throw the book out the window. Steel cleats have a place and that place is not in high school softball.

\*\*\* In closing... New York Yankee third-baseman Alex Rodriguez will make a cool \$28 million this season, which is over \$6 million more than the entire 33-man roster for the Florida Marlins will take home. Since the Marlins have won two World Series titles in the last eleven years and Rodriguez has yet to win a ring, maybe the people that make the decisions down in Miami should offer to help the Yankees figure things out. The average salary for the 855 players on opening day rosters this season in the big leagues is over \$3 million, which is also above the highest paid Marlin, pitcher Kevin Gregg, who tops the Marlins payroll at \$2.5 million. New York Mets pitcher Johan Santana will make \$15 million this season, which is \$12 million more than the entire Marlins starting rotation. According to Major League Baseball, this season a total of 434 players will make more than \$1 million, with 85 players making more than \$10 million per year. The average salary of a Yankee this season is \$6.75 million, followed by the Tigers, Mets and Red Sox at \$4.6 million. Our poor 'ole Braves only make an average of \$3.4 million a season, which is probably why tickets and concessions make a trip to Atlanta only a dream for many die-hard Braves fans. Rodriguez's salary comes out to something like \$175,000 per game, or on average over \$40,000 per at-bat or almost \$20,000 per inning. If I was paying the bill I would get a little upset over an 0-4 night or a couple of errors.

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**SAFE AT HOME....** Elba Tiger Dylan McCollough (3) slides in just ahead of a tag to score a run in last week's 5-1 area win over Straughn. Don Rhoades was the winning pitcher for the Tigers in the key area contest, which moved Elba into sole possession of first place in the area standings. (Mike Capps photo)

## Lady Tigers split doubleheader with New Brockton

The Elba Lady Tigers made the short ride over to New Brockton Thursday afternoon for a softball doubleheader against the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks and came home with a 4-6 record after splitting the two games with their cross-county rivals.

"We played well at times and not so well at times," said Elba's Coach Rudy Free. "We have a lot of young players that are learning as they go and it shows. When we play well we can compete with any team on our schedule, but when we play poorly we can lose to any team on our schedule. The time has come for the players to step up and play well each and every day, and our goal is to find those players and to come together with a starting nine that wants to work hard at practice and play hard every time they take the field. We will do that in the weeks to come and hopefully we will be ready by the time the area tournament gets here."

Following are highlights of last week's doubleheader:  
**Elba 11 New Brockton 5** - The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Lady Gamecocks 11-5, in the opening game of the Thursday doubleheader.  
A leadoff single by Elba's Bethany Wilson in the top of the first inning got the Lady Tigers off to a fast start, while an error and two hit batters resulted in one Elba run, and a sacrifice fly by Kayla Miller and a ground out by Chessie Cross enabled two more runs to cross the plate. New Brockton cut the lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the inning when Chelsea Smith singled and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Chelsey Holloway, but the Lady Tigers answered in the top of the third when Lindsey Carney doubled and later scored on a Lady Gamecock error to push the Elba lead back up to 4-1.  
An RBI double by Chelsey Holloway and an RBI single by Jena Freeze helped New Brockton pull within 4-3 in the bottom of the third, and the two rivals both got on the scoreboard in the fifth as New Brockton caught the Lady Tigers at 5-5.  
Lindsey Carney entered the circle in relief of starting pitcher Bethany Wilson in the bottom of the fifth and put the handcuffs on the Lady Gamecock batters as she allowed only one hit and two walks in three innings of work and struck out 5 batters.  
While Carney was quieting

down the New Brockton batters, the Elba batters were just warming up as the Lady Tigers took charge and pulled away to claim the big win.

Molly McGuire reached on an error to open the sixth for the Lady Tigers, moved to second on a single by Lindsey Carney and later scored on a wild pitch, while Carney also crossed the plate when Chessie Cross delivered an RBI single. Cross was forced out on a fielder's choice, but Kayla Miller drew a walk and later scored on another New Brockton error as the Lady Tigers' lead grew to 8-5.

The Lady Tigers added three insurance runs in the seventh inning on a bases-loaded double by Kayla Miller and easily held on to take game one 11-5.

**New Brockton 7 Elba 4** - The Lady Tigers watched a late lead vanish in a 7-4 loss to the Lady Gamecocks, in the second game of the doubleheader.

Elba spotted the Lady Gamecocks an early 1-0 lead in the second game, but pulled even at 1-1 in the third inning when Bethany Wilson doubled and later scored on an error and then plated three runs in the fourth to open up a 4-1 advantage. Lindsey Carney singled and Toshamba Jones reached on an error in the inning to put two Lady Tigers on the bases, while Ashley Carpenter came through with a clutch two-run single to drive in both runners. Brandy Caldwell followed with an RBI single to drive in Carpenter, and it looked like Elba was in command with a 4-1 lead.

New Brockton's Shay Carpenter and Kayla Purvis had key hits in the fifth as the Lady Gamecocks pulled within 4-3, and the Lady Gamecocks struck late for four more runs in the sixth to take the lead for good.

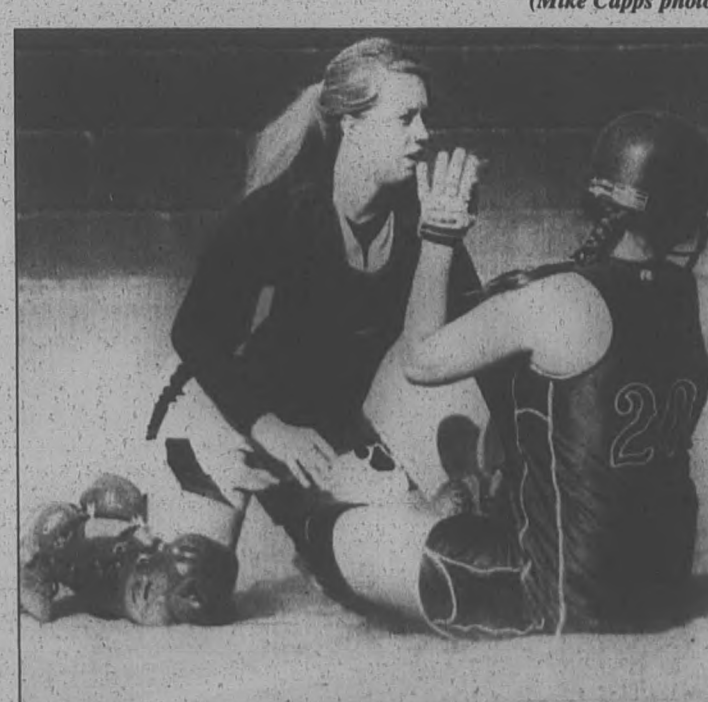
A walk to Kaitlyn Crosby sparked the late New Brockton rally, while Vanessa Stuckey reached on an error to put the go-ahead run on base. Chelsea Smith singled to drive in Crosby with the tying run, while an error off the bat of Shay Carpenter allowed two runners to cross the plate as the Lady Gamecocks struck late to avoid the sweep and claimed the 7-4 win.

Heather Hendrix was the winning pitcher in game two as she scattered 5 hits and struck out 12 batters, while Brandy Caldwell took the loss as she allowed 6 hits and 2 walks, while striking out 5.

While Carney was quieting



**HOME RUN TROT....** Elba Tiger Richard Cooks gets a high-five from Coach Mike Bucklew (1) after hitting his second home run of the game Friday in the Tigers' 11-1 win over Pike County. Cooks pitched a complete game in the area win that lifted Elba's record to 2-0 in the area standings. (Mike Capps photo)



**OUT AT HOME....** Elba Lady Tiger catcher Kayla Miller tags out a Brantley runner at the plate during recent high school softball action. The Lady Tigers moved their record to 4-6 last week with a win over New Brockton. (Mike Capps photo)

## Softball tourneys to be held in Enterprise

The Enterprise Parks and Recreation Department will host ASA sanctioned Men's Softball Tournaments on April 19 and May 17. Entry fee is \$125 and each team must hit its own 375 compression .44 core softball. A 3 home-run limit per game will be in effect and all home runs after the limit will be an out. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams, with t-shirts to the members of the winning teams. For more information on either tournament call Denise Hope at 334-348-2681.

## ATTENTION!

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## SPORTS

## [SCHEDULES]

## \*\* BASEBALL \*\*

Thursday, April 10  
Elba at Pike County (4:30)  
Friday, April 11  
Highland Home at Elba (4:00)  
Opp at Brantley (4:30)  
Saturday, April 12  
Brantley at Excel (TBA)  
Brantley vs. Millry, at Excel (TBA)  
Monday, April 14  
Brantley at Elba (4:00)

## \*\* SOFTBALL \*\*

Thursday, April 10  
Zion Chapel at McKenzie (4:30)  
Friday, April 11  
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (4:30)  
Kinston, at Enterprise Tournament  
Saturday, April 12  
Kinston, at Enterprise Tournament  
Monday, April 14  
Zion Chapel at Kinston (4:00)  
Tuesday, April 15  
Pike County at Zion Chapel (4:00)  
Opp at Kinston (5:00)

## Elba JV Tigers release '08 baseball statistics

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers baseball team concluded its season recently with an 8-8 record, and this week released its final batting statistics for the season. Sandarius Reed led the Tigers in hitting with a .470 average, followed by Gunnar McCollough (.452) and Hayes Spicer (.432). Other leading batters included Chase Sauls (.375), Jantzen Flowers (.348),

JonAshley Amison (.273), Michael Lindsey (.241) and Jordan McDaniel (.208).

Gunnar McCollough led the Tigers with 19 hits, and was followed in order by Hayes Spicer (16), Sandarius Reed (16), Jantzen Flowers (15) and Chase Sauls (12), while Reed led the Tigers in runs scored with 25 and was followed by McCollough (20), Flowers (14), Lindsey (12), Spicer (12) and Amison (11).

Spicer led the Tigers in runs batted in with 17 and was followed by Sauls and McCollough with 10 apiece.

**American Red Cross** to sponsor scramble golf tourney on May 2

The American Red Cross is holding its third Annual Golf Scramble May 2, 2008 at Tartan Pines Golf Club, Enterprise. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost to participate is \$240 per team the cost to sponsor a hole is \$100. Food will be provided for the round. Call 334-547-2461 for more information.



**Brantley Bulldog Chase Hall (7)** delivers a pitch in last week's 13-1 win over Opp. Hall pitched a 1-hitter and rode the 13-hit performance of the Bulldogs in the lopsided win. (Mike Capps photo)



**Annsley Padgett** shows off the third turkey she and her dad, Kyle Padgett, have eaten this season on one of their early Saturday morning hunts.

## High School

\* Baseball \* Softball \* Golf \*

## SPOTLIGHT

## \*\*\* BASEBALL \*\*\*

## Zion Chapel outscored by Providence 14-6

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the Providence Christian Eagles last Tuesday afternoon in a key area match-up and fell two games behind the Eagles in the area standings after suffering a big 14-6 loss. Providence Christian banged out 7 hits in the opening inning to grab a big 11-0 lead, but the Rebels refused to fold and chipped away at the deficit to pull within 11-6 in the sixth. A home run by John Wayne Lambert pulled Zion Chapel within 11-2 in the fourth, while Zach Stephens and Lambert added RBI hits in the fifth, and Harry White and Garrett Stinson both ripped doubles in the sixth as the Rebels closed the gap. The Eagles added three runs in their final at-bat, however, and this time the Rebels had no answer as Providence claimed the 14-6 area win. John Wayne Lambert had 2 hits, drove in 2 runs and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel at the plate.

## New Brockton defeats Goshen Eagles 5-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks snapped a five-game losing streak Thursday afternoon with a 5-1 win over the Goshen Eagles. Nathan Foster tossed a complete game five-hitter and struck out seven batters to lead the Gamecocks to the win, and also added 3 hits at the plate. Hayden Smith added 2 hits and knocked in 3 runs for the Gamecocks.

## Zion Chapel Rebels march past McKenzie 8-2

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Brocton despite allowing only three hits and striking out 11 batters.

## Bulldogs slapped by Straughn 9-2

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## \*\*\* SOFTBALL \*\*\*

## New Brockton buries Geneva 12-3

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks hosted the Geneva Lady Panthers last Tuesday afternoon and rolled to a surprisingly easy 12-3 win. The Lady Gamecocks owned a slim 4-3 lead entering the bottom of the sixth inning, but broke loose for 8 runs as they took complete command and posted their 10th win of the season.

## Kinston handed 5-3 loss by Andalusia

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued to struggle to add wins to their side of the ledger last Tuesday afternoon as they lost to the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs 5-3. Tasha Jones had 3 hits to lead Kinston at the plate, while Paige Caraway got the win inside the circle and struck out 8 batters.

## Zion Chapel blanked by Arlton 8-0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels managed only one hit last Tuesday afternoon in an 8-0 loss to the Arlton Lady Cats. Lexi Phillips tossed a one-hitter and struck out seven batters to get the win inside the circle, while Ciara Baker drove in five runs.

## \*\*\* GOLF \*\*\*

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted their best score of the season last Tuesday afternoon, but still came up a little short in a 330-353 loss to 5A Carroll of Ozark. Steven Smith fired a 74 to lead the Gamecocks, followed by Michael Redd with a 78. Other scores for New Brockton were posted by Josh Roberts (95), John Donaldson (106), Sawyer Whitaker (111) and Coltan Bastion (119).

VOTE FOR  
**JAMES E. (JIMMY) BRYAN**  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT No. 1



- BORN AND RAISED IN RURAL COFFEE COUNTY.
- MARRIED TO THE FORMER RACHEL WILKES OF ZION CHAPEL.
- FATHER OF THREE—JAMES, PETE, AND SUSAN.
- GRANDFATHER OF TWO—TUCKER AND TY.
- GRADUATED FROM ELBA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1965.
- GRADUATED FROM TROY STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1970 WITH BS DEGREE IN MARKETING AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.
- DEDICATED TO CONTINUED PROGRESS AND EFFICIENCY IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

**YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

SUBJECT TO DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, JUNE 3, 2008.  
(PD. POL. ADV. BY JIMMY BRYAN, 9502, HWY 143, ELBA, AL 36323)











teacher/coach at New Brockton High School, effective the end of the current school year.

• Accept the retirement of Barbara Cole, language arts teacher at New Brockton High School, effective the end of the current school year.

• Accept the retirement of Jackie Inright, science teacher at Zion Chapel School, effective the end of the current school year.

• Accept the retirement of Mary Herbert, math teacher at Zion Chapel School, effective the end of the current school year.

In regards to the retirements, Dr. Ingram said the school system received many years of service from those retiring. She also noted that all three are co-curriculum teachers.

Board vice-chairman Danny Jernigan also noted the thought that goes into some of the retirement letters board members receive from faculty and staff.

"When you read some of

these retirement letters, it will bring a lump in your throat," he said.

Jernigan noted that many of the teachers thank the board for allowing them to serve. He suggested the thanks certainly goes both ways.

Board members declared several small projects as public works projects during last Thursday's meeting. Projects that will cost less than \$50,000 can be declared as public works projects.

Among the projects declared last week were: refinishing the wood floors at Kinston, refinishing the gym floors at Kinston, press box at Kinston, storage building at Kinston.

In other business, board members:

• Declared several old buses no longer needed by the school system as surplus.

• Approved out-of-state travel for a group of second grade students to visit the Caverns in Marianna, Fla.

• Approved a resolution to allow the issuance of the 2008 Capital Outlay Pool Warrants (leveraged funds). Dr. Ingram reminded board members that last year they gave her permission to apply for leveraged funds. She said the school system's part in the shared funds was \$1,089,198.26. She said this is a way to continue capital projects without having to borrow local funds.

• Gave the superintendent permission to bid CNP items.

## Death Notice

WAYNE WALTER

GELINSKI JR.

Mr. Wayne Walter Gelinski

Jr., age 42, of Elba, Ala., died at

his home Monday night, April 7,

2008. Funeral arrangements will

be announced by Hayes Funeral

Home of Elba, Ala.

## COUNTY POLITICAL OFFICE QUALIFIERS for June 3, 2008 Primary Elections (Primary Run-Offs - July 15th)

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

#### Commissioner - District One:

Tommie Brooks Jr.

Jimmy Bryan

Dean Smith

Commissioner - District Three:

Robert Stephens (Incumbent)

Claude R. Nicholson

Commissioner - District Four:

Ben Moates

Commissioner - District Five:

Barnest Brooks (Incumbent)

Coffee County Board of Education, District

One:

Charles Walker (Incumbent)

Constable, District One:

Howard Lee

Constable, District Three:

Richard Patterson

Constable, District Seven:

Michael Patrick

### Commissioner - District Two:

Kim Ellis

J.L. Weeks (Incumbent)

Commissioner - District Four:

Jason F. Bruce

Helen Taylor

Frank Allen Britt

Commissioner - District Six:

Jim Thompson (Incumbent)

Commissioner - District Seven:

Tom Grimsley (Incumbent)

Coffee County Board of Education, District

One:

Joseph "Joey" Arnold

Brian Richard McLeod

Coffee County Board of Education, District

Seven:

Danny Jernigan (Incumbent)

Constable, District Four:

Boyd Hartzog